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Post delivered reftel talking to contacts in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Office of Multilateral Economic Affairs and the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOEF). Econoff followed up with Md. Abdul Mutaleb, Chief Conservator of Forests in the MOEF, who expects to represent Bangladesh at the COP-15 meeting. Mr. Mutaleb reported that the MOEF also nominated Joint Secretary Apurup Chowdhury to join him at the COP-15 meeting, but funding constraints may limit their delegation to one person. Asked for a reaction to U.S. proposals, Mr. Mutaleb said that Bangladesh "supports the U.S. view".

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